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VIENNA FOR IAEA FOR AMBASSADOR GERARD SMITH

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG, IAEA

SUBJECT: IAEA DEPUTY DG FOR SAFEGUARDS

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WE UNDERSTAND FROM SMITH-FARLEY TELECON THAT EKLUND PLANS TO CONSULT THE IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS AT THE AFTERNOON MEETING JUNE 7 CONCERNING HIS PLAN TO APPOINT HANS JOSEF GRUEMM OF AUSTRIA TO SUCCEED ROMETSCH AS DDG FOR SAFEGUARDS, AND THAT HE HAS ASCERTAINED THAT EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE SOVIET UNION, AND JAPAN AMONG OTHERS WILL RAISE NO OBJECTION. IF THERE IS SUCH A GENERAL CONSENSUS TO ACCEPT EKLUND'S PROPOSED APPOINTMENT, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO JOIN IN. WHEN THE OUTCOME IS APPARENT, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT ALONG THE LINES THAT THE U.S. HAS LONG SUPPORTED THE AGENCY AND ITS SAFE-CONFIDENTIAL

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GUARDS SYSTEM, THAT IAEA SAFEGUARDS WILL BE TAKING ON INCREASED IMPORTANCE AND COMPLEXITY, AND THAT EKLUND, THE AGENCY, AND THE NEW DDG FOR SAFEGUARDS CAN BE ASSURED OF CONTINUED U.S. SUPPORT AND COOPERATION IN CARRYING OUT THESE ENHANCED RESPONSIBILITIES.

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